



# Federation Newsletter

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## EVENTS

- Emergency Services Show 19-20 September 2023
- Fire Conference 17<sup>th</sup> October 2023

## Member's Meeting

Members Forum  
October 16<sup>th</sup> 2023

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## Forum Diary Date

The next Members' Forum will be held in London at 13:00 on 16<sup>th</sup> October, the day before the Fire Conference. An agenda for the event will be issued to members nearer the time but will include an update on the Federation's development plans as well as the progress being made on the national strategy.

## Member Discount for Fire Conference 2023

Tickets are now on sale for the annual Fire Conference, which this year takes place on October 17<sup>th</sup> at the Institution of Engineering and Technology in London.



This year's event will address sustainability, new legislation, and the future of fire safety and is organised in partnership by the Federation, IFE, FPA and NFCC.

Federation members are reminded that they are eligible for a £50 discount on the delegate fee and tickets can be ordered [here](#)

## BSI Takes Forward FRA Competency Standard

**bsi.** The BSI CPB/1 committee has confirmed that the business case for the development of *BS XXXX Built environment. Core criteria for construction product competence. Code of Practice* has been approved. BSI are now in the process of setting up the panel and a date for the kick-off meeting will be arranged once the project has been allocated and Editorial Project Manager. Hanna Clarke will also be joining CPB/1 as the panel convenor.

## Home Office FRA and RP Surveys

The Home Office has launched two surveys to improve its understanding of people currently conducting fire risk assessments and how recent legislation changes have impacted Responsible Persons. Both are due to close by 31<sup>st</sup> July. The FRA survey is accessible [here](#) and the RP survey [here](#).



Fire Safety Act 2021

## Economic Cost of Fire

The Government has published a report that shows the economic cost of fire in England for the year ending March 2020 was £12 billion. The full report is available [here](#)

## Guidance on Electric Vehicles in Covered Car Parks



Interim guidance about parking or charging electric vehicles and the installation of electric vehicle chargepoints in covered car parks has been published by the Government. The guidance is intended for risk assessors, car park operators, designers and owners. It outlines safety measures to be taken when designing new, or retrofitting, covered car parks for the provision of EVs and EV chargepoints and is available to download [here](#)

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## Building Control Webinar

The Health & Safety Executive will host a webinar 'Building Control – An Overview to the New Regime' on Wednesday 26 July, 12:00-13:00. Colin Blatchford, Operational Policy lead for Gateway and Building Control and Jenny Hagan, Senior Policy Advisor for Gateways and Building Control, will give an overview of what the new building control regime will mean, followed by a Q& A session. Anyone who would like to register to attend can do so [here](#).



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